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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

PERAULT ET AL.

Examiner

Marvin P. Crenshaw

Art Unit

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Period for Reply

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 20 February 2004.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1 - 19 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 1 - 6 and 19 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 7, 8, 15 and 16 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 9 - 14, 17 and 18 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 20 February 2004 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date 2/20/2004.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____.
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Objections

The Specification is objected to because of the following informalities: On page 1, the Related Applications listed is objected to because of the blank lines. Applicant did not list the Patent numbers associated with the titled Patent listed. Appropriate correction is required.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 1 – 6 and 19 are allowed.

Claims 9 – 14, 17 and 18 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

With respect to claim 1 and 19 , the prior art does not teach or render obvious the total combination as claimed including a stencil wiper apparatus for wiping a stencil of a stencil printer comprising a fluid delivery assembly including an outer tube constructed and arranged to engage the material and to deliver fluid to the material, an inner tube positioned within the outer tube, the inner tube being constructed and arranged to deliver fluid to the outer tube, and a fluid delivery source to deliver fluid to the inner tube.

With respect to claim 9, the prior art does not teach or render obvious the total combination as claimed including a stencil wiper apparatus comprising a means for evenly applying a fluid comprising an outer tube constructed and arranged to engage

the material and to deliver fluid to the material, an inner tube positioned within the outer tube, the inner tube being constructed and arranged to deliver fluid to the outer tube, and a fluid delivery source to deliver fluid to the inner tube.

With respect to claim 17, the prior art does not teach or render obvious the total combination as claimed including a method step of evenly applying fluid on the material comprising providing an outer tube constructed and arranged to engage the material and to deliver fluid to the material, providing an inner tube positioned within the outer tube, the inner tube being constructed and arranged to deliver fluid to the outer tube, and delivering fluid to the inner tube.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

Claims 7, 8, 15 and 16 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Bennett et al.

With respect to claim 7, Bennett et al. teaches a stencil wiper apparatus (Fig. 3) for wiping a stencil of a stencil printer, the apparatus comprising a material supply (Fig. 3) assembly to deliver material across the stencil and means for evenly applying a fluid (See col. 1, 52 – 55) on the material prior to the material being placed in a position proximate to the stencil.

With respect to claim 8, Bennett et al. teaches a stencil wiper apparatus wherein the material supply assembly including a supply roller (3) to deliver a roll of material, a take-up roller (21) to receive the material, and a drive (37) to move the material across the stencil between the supply roller and the delivery roller.

With respect to claim 15, Bennett et al. teaches a method for wiping a stencil (Fig. 1) of a printing machine comprising (a) delivering a roll (3) of material having a width across the stencil; (b) evenly applying fluid (See col. 1, 52 – 55) on the material across the width of the material; and (c) placing the material in a position proximate (Fig. 7) to the stencil.

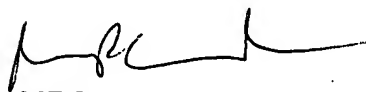
With respect to claim 16, Bennett et al. teaches the method further comprising moving the material between a first position in which the material is spaced away from the stencil and a second position in which the material engages the stencil (See col. 5, lines 5 – 23).

Conclusion

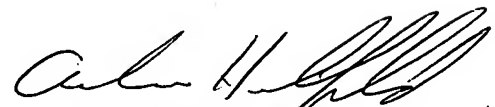
Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Marvin P. Crenshaw whose telephone number is (571) 272-2158. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Thursday 7:00 - 5:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Andrew Hirshfeld can be reached on (571) 272-2168. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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